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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR BYRNES FROM CARPENTER. REF MOSCOW 19815, NOTE THAT COST FOR S-14 ELEVATOR IS INCLUDED AS LINE ITEM DESPITE PRIOR AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM AS ONE-TIME RENT INCREASE. SUGGEST YOU WORK CLOSELY WITH PAUL BOFINGER OF EUR/EX ON THIS ISSUE. ARCHITECT STUART KNOOP MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS OF COST ESTIMATES.

2. RE REPLACEMENTS FOR SKOUG AND GREENBERG, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND OES'S LIST.

3. YOU MAY BE AWARE THAT LOCAL AFSA CHAPTER CABLED TO WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS A CRITICAL REPORT ABOUT TOWN MEETING ON FIRE SAFETY. WE UNDERSTAND THE WASHINGTON POST CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE SUBJECT, BUT HAVEN'T SEEN IT. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, MOST EMPLOYEES ARE SATISFIED WITH THE STATUS OF THE FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM. MANY COMMENTS ON THE MEETING HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERED, AND ALL EXCEPT THE AFSA CABLE HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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POSITIVE AND APPRECIATIVE. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED AND ARE INSTALLING DETECTORS AND SUPPLIES AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE. AMONG THE STEPS:

THE ELECTRICAL REWIRING OF THE LOWER FLOORS OF THE CHANCERY IS BEING CONTRACTED OUT AND A CENTRAL FIRE SUPPLY SKLAD IS BEING EQUIPPED. WE WILL ALSO BE AMKING

FOR A SAFETY EXPERT TO LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE APARTMENTS.
WE WILL BE IN TOUCH FURTHER IF WE NEED HELP FROM YOUR
END. FYI, HERE IS EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
BY UPI:

A. TOWN MEETING WAS CONVENED BY THE EMBASSY AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE AFSA REP TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION AND TO ALLEVIATE THE CONCERNS OF EMBASSY EMPLOYEES.

B. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO CONCEAL AREAS WHERE THE EMBASSY WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS--RATHER WE ATTEMPTED TO CONVEY A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM. IT WAS REPORTED THAT SMOKE DETECTORS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR ALL APARTMENTS OCCUPIED BY EMBASSY STAFF. THE FIRST ORDER HAD ARRIVED AND HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS FAR AS THEY WENT TO AREAS OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN--SCHOOL, FIRE TRAP APARTMENTS, ETC. THE OTHER DETECTORS WILL BE INSTALLED AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE (THE EMBASSY HAS ORDERED AN ADDITIONAL 200 DETECTORS FOR NEW APARTMENTS AND OTHER SPACES.)

C. PETER HAHN OF FBO INSPECTED ALL APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND SOME REPRESENTATIVE APARTMENTS AFTER THE AUGUST 77 FIRE. IT WAS ON HIS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT

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WE HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED ADDITIONAL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND SMOKE DETECTORS TO SOME APARTMENT UNITS. IT WAS STRESSED THAT WE CONSIDERED THE CHANCERY AREA TO BE OUR MAJOR CONCERN; THAT WE WERE NOT NEGLECTING OUTLYING APARTMENTS, BUT THAT PRIMARY EMPHASIS WAS BEING PLACED UPON SAFEGUARDING THE OFFICES AND APARTMENTS IN THE CENTRAL COMPLEX.

D. THE MODERATOR AT THE TOWN MEETING (THE ADMIN OFFICER) BROUGHT UP SOME CONTINUING PROBLEMS IN THE EMBASSY, AND EXPLAINED HOW THEY ARE BEING CORRECTED. THE SECURITY OFFICER DISCUSSED THE PREPARATION OF THE EMERGENCY FIRE PLAN AND EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE EGRESS INSTRUCTION, AS WELL AS PROCEDURES FOR ORDERLY EVACUATION OF THE BUILDING. TOON

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